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FOR AMBASSADOR LEWIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, IS, US

SUBJECT: NON-PRECEDENTAL NATURE OF CHARIOT FINANCING.

REF: TEL AVIV 6598

1. THERE IS NO RECORD AVAILABLE OF WHEN WE MAY HAVE INFORMED ISRAELIS THAT U.S. APPROVAL OF FMS FINANCING FOR CHARIOT TANKS WAS NOT TO BE CONSIDERED A PRECEDENT FOR FUTURE ISRAELI PROPOSALS. WE INFORMED GOI ON JULY 22 OF APPROVAL OF CHARIOT FINANCING, AND IT IS POSSIBLE THAT IN ENSUING DISCUSSIONS WITH ISRAELI EMBASSY AND PROCUREMENT OFFICE OUR VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT WERE MADE CLEAR. AS YOU MAY REMEMBER FROM YOUR DISCUSSIONS HERE LAST JULY, THERE WAS GENERAL USG AGREEMENT THAT APPROVAL OF THE CHARIOT DEAL

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WAS A ONE TIME EXCEPTION TO OUR GENERAL POLICY OF NOT FINANCING PROCUREMENT ABROAD, AND ISRAELIS WERE GIVEN FORMAL INDICATION THAT WE HAD SOME RESERVATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT WHEN GENERAL ADAN WAS INFORMED THAT THE DETAILED TERMS AND CONDITIONS REGARDING THE TANK PROGRAM WAS SUBJECT TO FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH BOTH STATE AND DEFENSE.

2. WE HAVE, IN ANY CASE, NOW RECONFIRMED TO GOI THAT CHARTOT
DEAL SHOULD NOT BE SEEN AS PRECEDENTAL. ON SEPTEMBER 8,
LES GELB EXPLAINED USG POSITION TO DINITZ AND CIECHANOVER,

WHO HAD REQUESTED MEETING IN PART TO RAISE AT THIS END
SUBJECT OF U.S. FMS FINANCING FOR ISRAELI KFIR PRODUCTION.
DURING THEIR PRESENTATION, DINITZ AND CIECHANOVER REFERRED
TO YOUR SEPTEMBER 2 CONVERSATION WITH WEIZMAN STATING
THAT GOI UNDERSTOOD U.S. NEGATIVE POSITION ON KFIR FINANC-
ING ONLY TO BE A FIRST, NOT A FINAL, REACTION. FULL DE-
TAILS OF SEPTEMBER 8 MEETING IN DEPARTMENT ARE BEING SENT
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